

CRESCENT CITY, CALIF. — A California jury has found a Crescent City, Calif., man guilty in the 1994 torture and murder of an 18-year-old Longview woman.

A Del Norte County Superior Court jury took 22 minutes Wednesday to find Robert Allen Wigley, 37, guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying of Camillia J. Randall, 18, of Longview and Ashland, Ore. The jury also found Wigley guilty of rape, sodomy and infliction of torture.

Randall was hitchhiking from Ashland to Guerneville, Cal., on Oct. 26, 1994, when she was last seen in Crescent City, a small coastal city near the Oregon border. That evening she called her aunt in Ashland and told her that she was going to sleep on the beach and not to worry if she didn't hear from her for a few days.

Four days later, her body was discovered wrapped in her sleeping bag in the old growth redwood forest of Stout Grove outside Crescent City. Wigley was not linked to the crime until 2001, when his DNA was matched to crime scene evidence in a cold hit through the California Department of Justice databank.

In the seven and a half week trial, Wigley represented himself after firing his court-appointed counsel. He claimed that his ex-wife, Marie Biggers,

actually murdered Randall. Biggers testified in court that she had no knowledge of the murder other than what she read in the local newspaper.

The Del Norte County Sheriff's Department investigation found that the torture and murder took place over a two-day period when Biggers was staying at her parents' home as she recovered from a stomach illness. Medical records from the Sutter Coast Hospital corroborated her story.

Wigley and others testified that Randall walked into the Crescent City Super 8 Motel, which Wigley and Biggers managed at the time, asking to use the rest room at about 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 26, 1994.

Wigley testified that he had consensual sex that night with Randall, after which his wife killed her in a fit of rage and jealousy. He said the couple then deposited the teen's body in Stout Grove.

Medical experts testified that Randall was strangled to death. However, evidence such as dirt on her feet and hands and what appear to be knife wounds on her face, conflicted with Wigley's story of consensual sex.

Before Wigley was a suspect, Del Norte County Sheriff's detectives thought that a serial murderer may have killed Randall. Wayne Adam Ford, a truck driver, turned himself in 1998, confessing to four murders. DNA analysis showed that Ford was not Randall's murderer.

Randall was a R.A. Long High School dropout who left Longview a year before her death to live with relatives in Ashland.

A Longview neighbor and R.A. Long classmate, Kristy Brett, said shortly after Randall's body was found that Randall was an outgoing girl who enjoyed "being different." The months before her death may not have been kind to her, her friend said.

"When she was living on the streets, she was making jewelry and hats to sell," Brett said in 1994. In the summer before she was murdered, Ashland police reported that Randall had been contacted three times and asked to stop selling her craft items on the streets. She was never arrested.

Her mother, Marjorie Reynolds, now of Newburg, Ore.; her aunt, Wendy Whiteman of Central Point, Ore.; her sister, Shelly Naillon of Salem, Ore.; her grandmother, Marjorie Prettyman of Clatskanie, Ore.; and other relatives attended the trial.

After the verdict, her mother showed pictures of her daughter at various stages in her life.

"She how beautiful she was. That's what he took away from me," she said. "She was just full of fun" who was innocent and trusting.

"She was a free spirit and in her heart she didn't feel there were people like Wigley out there," Reynolds said. "She wanted to meet people and enjoy life."

Her mother said she regrets how long it took to find the killer.

"The thing that has bothered me the most is he has been able to get away with taking my daughter's life for all for all these years," she said, "and he'll never suffer like Cammie did."